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Charge should communicate orally following to Secretary General
Gonzales
Presidency/~~Sanchez~~ Fernandez:

US deeply gratified forthright stand GOC as set forth President
Valencia's letter to President Kennedy, especially clarity of purpose and
deep democratic conviction which it conveys. US also appreciates GOC offer
send ranking military officials to Washington to consult on specific military
measures appropriate to case. As GOC will appreciate, current level activity
Washington would preclude giving protocolary and other attentions we wish
provide such officials.

Force constituted for quarantine primarily naval at this time. If
information provided Admiral Porto pursuant Navy msg CNO to ALUSNA Bogota
251825Z inadequate for planning needs, we recommend that in view of time
element involved Colombian Navy might wish to send appropriate representative
soonest discuss plans and details with Admiral Tyree, COMSOLANT Trinidad,
since current status threat to Caribbean requires consultation at operational
level.

Drafted by:

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Telegraphic transmission and

classification approved by:

ARA - Mr. Martin

Clearances:

Navy/OP-Adm Smith
(in substance)

OSD/ISA-Capt Sanborn
(in substance)

RPA - Mr. Allen

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US objective such visit would be stimulate Colombian decision soonest provide one or two destroyers for quarantine purposes. You may in your discretion inform Gonzalez Fernandez of US objective, if in your opinion this would accelerate GOC decision. US most anxious secure prompt Colombian naval cooperation for practical and political importance and because Venezuelan cooperation may be linked to that of Colombia.

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